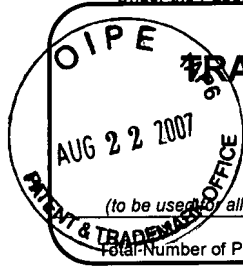


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.143, Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 19, 2007.

Applicants respectfully traverse. Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to M.P.E.P. § 803, which sets forth the criteria and guidelines for Examiners to follow in making proper requirements for restriction. The M.P.E.P. instructs the Examiner that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Office must examine it on the merits. M.P.E.P. § 803. The Examiner has not explained why the search would entail a serious burden, particularly where the International Search *has already been carried out by the same Examiner* without any restriction or objection as to unity of invention, on essentially the same set of claims.

It would seem that a six-way restriction requirement, with additional restrictions threatened among every one of the protein sequences disclosed, would impose a much greater